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Remarks

In the Office Action, claims 35 and 36 2 has been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. In addition, the Examiner has allowed claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 19, 20, 33 and 34.

In this Amendment, claims 35 and 36 have been amended (see below) to overcome the Examiner's rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph.

Claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 19, 20 and 33-36 remain pending.

Rejections under 35 U.S.C. § 112, Second Paragraph

In the Office Action, claims 35 and 36 have been rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which Applicant regards as the invention. Specifically, the Examiner has indicated that there is insufficient antecedent basis for the terms "the first" and "the second" (in both claims) and that both claims are incomplete for omitting essential structural cooperative relationships between the upper curved region, the lower portion and the first and second pieces.

In this Amendment, claims 35 and 36 have been amended and now recite an electrode formed by bonding a piece of copper and a piece of copper alloy and thereafter machining to form said upper curved region and said lower portion. With these amendments, Attorney for Applicant respectfully contends that the rejection under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph has been overcome and should be withdrawn.

In conclusion, Applicant respectfully asserts that claims 1, 3, 4, 17, 19, 20 and 33-36 are patentable for the reasons set forth above, and that the application is now in a condition for allowance. Accordingly, an early notice of allowance is respectfully requested. The Examiner is requested to call the undersigned at (858)-385-5298 for any reason that would advance the instant application to issue.

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The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge any fees which may be required by this paper, or to credit any overpayment to Applicant, Cymer, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 03-4060.

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